

REMARKS

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 27, 2007, Applicants provide the following. Claim 69 has been withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected species, yet depends from a generic base claim 13. Claim 61 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Therefore, thirty-one (31) claims are pending in the application: Claims 13-15, 17-25 and 53-71.

By way of this amendment, Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain any outstanding issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Thomas F. Lebens at (858) 552-1311 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Election of Species

The office action indicated that the claims were directed to two distinct species. Applicants elect:

Species "a",
of a projectile system that launches a projectile through the ignition of an ignitable substance for continued prosecution on the merits.

Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 13, 70 and 71 are generic claims.

Further, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 13-15, 17-25, 53-68 and 70-71 read on the elected Species "a."

Claim 69 has been withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected species. Again, however, it is noted that claim 69 depends from generic claim 13.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the above amendments and remarks place the pending claims in a condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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